

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

First Timothy Bible Study — I Timothy 6:17-21 Lesson #15

**INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in First Timothy before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

17-19 Command those who are rich in this present age **NOT to be HAUGHTY, nor to TRUST in UNCERTAIN RICHES but in the LIVING GOD**, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, **that they be RICH in GOOD WORKS, ready to GIVE, willing to SHARE, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come**, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

• **I Timothy 6:12** “Fight the good fight of _____, _____ on _____, _____, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”

• **I Peter 5:5-7** “...for God resists the _____, but gives _____ to the _____. Therefore _____ yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time (at the proper time), casting all your care (anxiety, worries, fear) upon Him, because He cares for you.”

Definition: “NOT to be HAUGHTY, nor to TRUST in UNCERTAIN RICHES but in the LIVING GOD” – Haughty means proud, prideful, arrogant. Paul is advising Timothy to warn members of his church, if they are rich, **not to be proud and think they are better than others, and not to think that their MONEY will save them.** Our trust and hope should ONLY be in GOD Himself, not in what material things we have here on earth.

• **Proverbs 6:16-19** “These six things the Lord _____, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: a _____ look, a _____ tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises _____, feet that are swift in running to evil, a _____ witness who _____, and one who sows discord among brethren.”

• **James 4:3-4 & 6** “You _____ and do not _____, because you _____ amiss (with wrong motives), that you may spend it on your pleasures (for your own desires). You adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity (hatred) with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.” (Verse 6) “....Therefore He says, “God _____ the _____, but gives grace to the _____.”

Definition: “That they be RICH in GOOD WORKS, ready to GIVE, willing to SHARE” – God’s word has many commandments about helping the poor and needy (sharing what we have with those who have nothing), and some warnings for those who mistreat, oppress, cheat or just neglect to help them. **“The poor,” of course, does NOT mean those who REFUSE to work**, and want someone to take care of them just because they are **too lazy to work.**

• **Galatians 2:10** “They desired only that we should _____ the _____, the very thing which I also was _____ to _____.”

• **Acts 11:28-30** “Then one of them named Agabus, stood up and showed by the _____ that there was going to be a great _____ (lack of food) throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. Then the _____, each according to his ability, determined to send _____ to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and _____ it to the _____ by the hands of _____ and _____.”

• **I Corinthians 16:1-3** “Now concerning the _____ for the _____, as I have given _____ to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: on the first day of the week let each one of you _____ something _____, storing up as he may _____, that there be no collections when I come.”

• **Mark 14:3-7** “And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very _____ oil of spikenard. And she broke the flask and poured it on His head. But there were some who were indignant (angry) among themselves, and said, ‘_____ was this fragrant oil wasted? For it might have been _____ for more than three hundred denarii and _____ to the _____.’ And they criticized her sharply. But Jesus said, ‘Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a _____ work for _____. For you have the _____ with you _____, and _____ you _____ you may _____ them _____; but Me you do not have always.’”

• **Proverbs 14:21** “He who _____ his neighbor _____; but he who has _____ on the _____, happy is he.”

• **Proverbs 14:31** “He who oppresses the _____ reproaches his Maker, but he who honors Him has _____ on the _____.”

• **II Thessalonians 3:7-12** “For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example; because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you, nor did we _____ anyone’s _____ without _____ for it, but with _____ and hardship we kept _____ night and day so that we might not be a burden to any of you; not because we do not have the right to this (to be supported by them), but in order to offer ourselves as a _____ for you, that you might follow our _____.

For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: If anyone will not _____, neither let him _____. For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing _____ work at all, but acting like _____. Now such persons we _____ and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to _____ in quiet fashion and _____ their _____ bread.”

• **Ephesians 4:28** “Let him who stole _____ no longer, but rather let him labor, _____ with his _____ what is _____, that he may have _____ to _____ him who is in _____.”

• **Psalms 41:1-2** “_____ is he who considers the _____; the Lord will _____ him in time of _____. The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be _____ on the earth; You will _____ deliver him to the will of his _____.”

• **John 12:3-8** “Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of _____, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. Then one of His disciples, _____ Iscariot, Simon’s son, who would _____ Him, said, “Why was this fragrant oil not _____ for three hundred denarii and given to the _____?” This he said, _____ that he _____ for the _____, but because he was a _____, and had the _____ box; and he used to _____ what was put in it. Then Jesus said, “Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the _____ you have with you always, but Me you do not have always.”

• **Deuteronomy 15:11** “For the _____ will _____ cease (stop) from the land; therefore I command you, saying, ‘You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your _____ and your _____, in your land.’”

Definition: STORING UP for THEMSELVES a good foundation for the TIME to COME – This is speaking of HOW we use our money, and whether we use it for the glory of God and His kingdom, or if we just selfishly use it for ourselves. The “**TIME to COME**” is referring to when we will stand before God at the Judgment Seat of Christ and be judged for our works, as to whether we will receive any rewards in heaven. In **Luke 16:1-13, the parable about the shrewd manager**, Jesus gives us a story from the worldly point of view, but He is not condoning their dishonesty - He only uses the story as a **CONTRAST** of how worldly people take advantage of money and worldly things for their benefit, whereas God’s children (the “sons of light”) are lacking in that area. He is not saying that God’s children should be dishonest, but only that **we should use what is here on this earth for the maximum benefit for eternal things**. For instance, we should use “unrighteous mammon” or money to spread the Gospel and bring as many people as possible into the Kingdom of God. This may mean spending money on television or radio to get out the message of the Gospel, or travel expenses to go and preach the message in person, or the cost of printing Bibles, books and materials.

Verse 9, “And I say to you, **make friends** for yourselves **BY** unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.” The “they” is the friends you made **BY** the **USE** of the unrighteous mammon or money. The “friends” are people you have helped to come to faith in Jesus Christ **by the spending of your money**, and they will be waiting to welcome you when you die and go to heaven. In verse 11, it says, “Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon (money), who will commit to your trust the true riches?” **This means that those who hold onto their earthly riches lightly, and use their money for the glory of God and His kingdom, will be given true riches and responsibilities in heaven.**

• **I Corinthians 3:11-15** “For no other _____ can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is _____. Now if anyone _____ on this _____ with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s _____ will become manifest; for the Day (of judgment) will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the _____ will _____ each one’s _____, of what sort it is. If anyone’s _____ which he has _____ on it (*on the foundation of Christ*) endures, he will _____ a _____. If anyone’s _____ is _____, he will suffer _____; but he _____ will be _____, yet so as through _____.”

• **II Corinthians 5:10** “For _____ must _____ appear before the _____ seat of _____, that each one may _____ the things _____ in the _____, according to what he has _____, whether _____ or _____.”

• **Romans 14:10-12** “But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For _____ shall _____ stand before the _____ of _____. For it is written, ‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.’ So then each of us shall give _____ of himself to God.”

• **Matthew 6:19-21** “Do not lay up for yourselves _____ on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but _____ for yourselves treasures in _____, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your _____ (REWARD) is, there your _____ will be also.”

• **Revelation 22:12** “And behold, I am _____ quickly, and My _____ is with Me, to _____ to everyone according to his _____.”

Definition: “SAVED AS BY FIRE” — This refers to people who have received Jesus as Savior, been **born again, and are SAVED**, but who have never really made Jesus **LORD** of **ALL** in their life. This person may make it to heaven, but will **receive NO REWARDS!!** All of their **so-called good**

works were done in their own human strength (in the FLESH), and are WORTHLESS (Jesus said, "Without Me, you can do NOTHING." John 15:5) — The **worthless, human "works" will be burned up**. The picture here is similar to a person escaping from a burning house, and they make it out alive, but ALL THEIR POSSESSIONS are burned up, and they have NOTHING! This also applies to "death bed" conversions, such as the thief on the cross (Luke 23:39-43), where the person has **no time** to do any GOOD WORKS.

20-21 Oh, Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, **AVOIDING the PROFANE and VAIN BABBLINGS and CONTRADICTIONS of what is FALSELY called KNOWLEDGE** – by professing it, some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

•II Timothy 2:16-18 "But _____ (avoid) _____ and _____, for they will increase to more _____. And their message will _____ like _____. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, who have _____ concerning the _____, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they _____ the _____ of some."

Definition: "AVOIDING the PROFANE and VAIN BABBLINGS and CONTRADICTIONS of what is FALSELY called KNOWLEDGE" – The word "profane" sometimes means swearing and cursing, but it also can just mean HUMAN THINKING, the opposite of HOLY and GODLY. "Vain babblings" means the same thing - **just opening your mouth and speaking without really thinking or judging your words by God's standards**. "**CONTRADICTIONS of what is FALSELY called KNOWLEDGE**" means **all the human thinking and reasoning that is AGAINST God's word** and His truth, and it is FALSELY called "knowledge" because it really is NOT knowledge, because it is AGAINST God's knowledge. Paul warns Believers in II Corinthians 10:3-5, and says that **these thoughts need to be BROUGHT INTO OBEDIENCE to Christ**, and we MUST NOT allow these kinds of worldly, ungodly thoughts to take control in our minds.

•II Corinthians 10:3-5 "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not _____ according to the flesh. For the _____ of our warfare are not carnal (merely HUMAN) but _____ in _____ for pulling down _____, casting down _____ and every high thing (human knowledge) that _____ itself against the _____ of _____, bringing every _____ into _____ to the _____ of Christ."